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MAY PROSECUTE BUREAU OFFICIAL

President Roosevelt Has Matter
Under Advisement.

THEODORE PRICE IS INDIGNANT

New York Cotton Broker Denies Em-
phatically that He Has Been in Any-
wise Implicated with Reported Cot-
ton Statistics Leakage.

Oyster Bay, July 11.—It is reported
here as not unlikely that criminal pro-
secution may result from the investiga-
tion of the cotton report leak in the
department of agriculture. The sub-
ject has not yet been presented to the
president in a formal way, although he
is familiar with most of the details of
the inquiry. United States District
Attorney Beach, of Washington, was of
the opinion after a cursory examina-
tion of a part of the evidence adduced
to the investigation that a criminal
proceeding would not lie against As-
sistant Statistician Holmes, who is al-
leged to have profited by giving ad-
vance information of the condition of
the cotton crop to certain brokers. The
department of justice is not inclined
to accept this view of the case. While
no decision to institute criminal pro-
ceedings has been reached the sub-
ject is being considered by Attorney
General Moody, who later will take
the matter up with the president. No
action of importance had engaged
the president had taken his usual
morning air and plunge in the bay he
took up with Secretary Loeb a large
amount of official business.

Mr. Price in Washington.

Washington, July 11.—Theodore H.
Price, of New York, arrived in Wash-
ington Sunday, and, through his attor-
ney, requested Secretary Wilson to
withdraw what Mr. Price characterized
as the unjust, offensive and unsustain-
ed charges and implications" contain-
ed in the report made recently in con-
nection with the removal of Edwin S.
Holmes, Jr., assistant statistician of
the department of agriculture.

Mr. Price stated later that Secretary
Wilson has his request under consid-
eration.

Secretary Wilson told Mr. Price, as
he had William M. Irvine, his attor-
ney, earlier in the day, that he had
no statement to make along the lines
requested. The secretary explained in
detail how the matter had been
brought to his attention by Mr. Van
Riper through Mr. Cheatham and he
had in turn referred it to the secret
service division of the treasury depart-
ment, by the officials of which the in-
vestigation had been conducted. Their
report had been made to him and he
in turn made it public. What had
been made public, therefore, the secre-
tary explained, was entirely the work
of the secret service, except that por-
tion of his statement which related to
the organization of the statistician's
office. Under the circumstances, he
added, he did not feel called on to
make an explanation or withdraw any-
thing that had been given out if Mr.
Cheatham saw fit to make a statement
regarding the matter, as Mr. Price
told the secretary, Mr. Cheatham had,
that was very well and good.

Mr. Cheatham was very much sur-
prised when he first noticed in the re-
port given out by Secretary Wilson
to the press the name of Mr. Theodore
Price mentioned so prominently in con-
nection with the case, as he did not
know of any evidence having been pre-
sented or secured by any one that
would warrant the use of Mr. Price's
name in connection with the affair.

Secretary Wilson Stands Pat.

Washington, July 11.—That Secre-
tary Wilson intends to take no step
backward in his report on the cotton
investigation was understood by

be filed against him by Mr. Price or
others mentioned in the report. In
fact, he said he would welcome such
action because it might be the means
of developing such facts not already
uncovered and which it was desirable
to know.

"This is a quarrel among gamblers,"
he said, "brought about by the
dissatisfaction of some of them in not
getting what they thought was their
due. I have nothing to take back. As
the head of an executive department
of the government it was my duty and
right to give to the public the result
of the investigation by the secret ser-
vice agents into the charges which
had been filed leading up to the dis-
missal of Mr. Holmes."

The secretary added that he had
given consideration to Mr. Price's re-
quest as presented through his attor-
ney, William M. Irvine of New York,
"to withdraw the unjust, offensive and
unsustained charges and implications,"
and had reached the determination to
take no further action in the matter.
He said he would not communicate
with Mr. Price or his attorney in any
way.

JUMPED TO HIS DEATH.

Fire in New York Results Fatally
Dead Man Leaves Three Children.

New York, July 11.—One man killed
two persons are missing and several
others narrowly escaped death by suf-
focation early today in a fire in East
Forty-fourth street. The man who
was killed was Arthur Neely. He
leaped from the fourth floor of one of
the two buildings which were on fire,
landing on the sidewalk on his head,
and he died on the way to a hospital.
Two persons were seen at front win-
dows of one of the burning buildings
and it is believed their bodies are in
the ruins.

Arthur Neely, who lost his life in
the fire in East Forty-first street to-
day, belonged in Chicago. He was a
brother of F. Tennyson Neely, the pub-
lisher, of this city.

Neely leaves three children. Their
mother was killed in a railroad wreck
several years ago and they now are
with an aunt in Cleveland, O., with
whom their father left them two weeks
ago to come to the city for a business
trip with the idea of locating here.

The two persons who were missing
have been found. They escaped with-
out injury.

Officials Must Enforce Laws.

Springfield, Mo., July 11.—Governor
Folk officiated at the cornerstone lay-
ing of the new St. John's hospital. He
said, among other things: "It is an
honor to be governor of any state and
especially so to be governor of Mis-
souri. The Missouri idea is that pub-
lic officials must obey and enforce the
laws. We have been told that we
could not enforce the dramshop laws
in the great cities, but the saloons
have been closed in the three greatest
cities of our state, and I say to you
that they will continue to be closed
on Sundays so long as I am govern-
or. If you people of Missouri don't
want the laws enforced put a man in
office who will ignore his oath."

Brace Aeronaut Saves Woman.

Lynn, Mass., July 11.—With a
straight drop of 1,000 feet to what
seemed certain death, William Can-
field, a Boston aeronaut, leaped from
his balloon over Lynn commons in or-
der to save Mrs. Camille Stafford, a
woman aeronaut, who ascended, with
him. She escaped unhurt. He was
badly injured by striking the side of a
house as his parachute swung in the
strong wind. Five thousand people
witnessed his startling descent. The
balloon was found to be leaking and
the gas escaping rapidly. Mrs. Staff-
ord leaped some time after Canfield
left the balloon, striking an apple tree
from which she was rescued unhurt.

Will Meet at Portsmouth.

Washington, July 11.—Assistant Sec-
retary Pierce today announced that the
plenipotentiaries of Russia and Japan
had agreed upon Portsmouth, N. H., as
the meeting place of the sessions of
the peace sessions to be held outside
of Washington. The sessions will be
held in the government naval yard at
Portsmouth in the new building, the

THREE DEAD FROM BOILER EXPLOSION

Carelessness On Part Of the
Fireman Was the Cause.

ENGINE WAS BLOWN 75 YARDS

Wagons Were Demolished; Two Oxen
Killed; Lumber and Timber Scat-
tered—Saw Mill Is a Total Wreck.
List of Those Killed.

Chattanooga, Tenn., July 11.—A spe-
cial to the News from Huntsville, Ala.,
says that by the carelessness of Allen
Hall, a fireman, three men are dead
and Couch's sawmill at Golightly, Ala.,
is a total wreck. The dead:

Frank Wallace.
Allen Hall.
Ed Beach.

The engine was blown 75 yards, and
every drop of water in a well 18 feet
deep drawn out. Wagons were de-
molished, two oxen killed and lumber
and timber scattered in all directions.

RANCHMAN IS MURDERED.

Decoyed from His Home to a Desert-
ed Cabin and Killed.

Cheyenne, Wyo., July 11.—According
to information received from Ther-
mopolis, Major Bob McCoy, a well-
known ranchman, residing on the big
Horn river, above Thermopolis, was
murdered several days ago by assas-
sins who had decoyed him to a de-
serted cabin and shot him in the
back as he was about to enter.

His body was then weighted with
rocks and sunk in the river. Several
times during the past few months Mc-
Coy has received anonymous letters,
warning him to leave the country and
threatening his life. In each of these
messages the statement was made that
if it became necessary to kill him one
of his ears would be cut off in order
that others who had been warned to
leave might know how he came to his
death. One of the ears of the corpse
is missing. Indignation in Thermop-
olis county is high and every effort
is being made to apprehend the mur-
derers.

FEDERAL COURT TO TRY POWERS

Will Have to Answer to Charge of
Murdering Wm. Goebel.

Georgetown, Ky., July 11.—The case
of the commonwealth against former
secretary of state, Caleb Powers,
charged with complicity in the murder
of William Goebel, was continued to-
day pending the federal courts. As
soon as court convened Judge Stout
called the case against Caleb Powers,
which was set for trial today. Dis-
trict attorney Franklin arose and said:

"Since the calling of this special
term of court, the defendant has pe-
titioned for a removal of his case to
the eastern Kentucky district of the
federal court. Judge Cochran has
assumed jurisdiction and from the de-
cision of Judge Cochran the common-
wealth appeals to the supreme court
of the United States. I, therefore,
move that this case be continued and
this court do now adjourn."

The court so ordered.

Fire Fighters Seriously Burned.

New York, July 11.—Five men have
been seriously burned during a fire
fighting performance at Coney Island
and were taken to hospitals. Flames,
instead of pouring out of a window at
which the men were stationed, were
driven back by "back draught" into
their faces. They were burned about
the face and body and inhaled the
flames. Before ladders could be raised,
the men leaped to the ground, a dis-
tance of 35 feet. Some of them are
believed to be fatally injured.

Stabbed Near His Home.

New York, July 11.—John Costello,
a merchant of this city, has been fa-
tally stabbed at his summer home on
Staten Island. He was entertaining
a number of guests, and it is said, left
the house to attend remarks made by
a prominent one of whom he was

ELKS GATHER AT BUFFALO.

Delegations From Every Section of the
United States Present.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 11.—The twelfth
annual reunion of the Benevolent and
Protective Order of Elks began here
today. Delegations from all parts of
the country began to pour into the
city and the expectations for a large
attendance are being realized. The
number of the grand lodge members
already here establishes a new record
for that body.

It is conceded that there will be no
opposition to the slated advance of
last year's officers one notch higher
than the places they are now holding.
There are several candidates in the
field for the two vacancies on the
board of grand trustees caused by the
prospective election of Robert W.
Brown, of Louisville, as grand exalted
ruler and the expiration of the term
of John D. O'Shea, of Lynn, Mass.
These are the only offices to furnish
the semblance of a contest.

Grand Treasurer John K. Tenor, of
Charleroi, Pa., said his report to the
Grand Lodge, which would be substi-
tuted Tuesday would show the order
to be in splendid financial condition.

VOLCANO IN LOUISIANA.

Crater Seventy Feet in Diameter Is
Started by Burning Oil Well.

New Orleans, July 11.—Louisiana
has a volcano in active eruption, with
a crater 70 feet in diameter, which is
daily growing larger. This volcano
started nearly three months ago from
a burning oil well which was brought
in as a "gusher" and which was set
afire within a few days of its opening.

No sooner did it begin to burn than
the 10-inch hole through which the
burning oil and gas were coming be-
gan to widen. The derrick and machin-
ery disappeared in the hole, and the
work of destruction continued. Sur-
rounding buildings have been falling
into the cavity, which seems to be
bottomless. Great trees growing near
by have been uprooted and have dis-
appeared. In the meantime the burn-
ing oil and gas are being thrown high
into the air, earth and stones being
carried up with them.

Cotton Mills Are Prosperous.

Columbus, Ga., July 11.—The direc-
tors of the Eagle and Phoenix mills
have set aside the sum of \$45,000 for
the purpose of paying the next two
semi-annual dividends on the com-
pany's stock. These dividends will be
of 3 per cent each, payable Oct. 1, 1905,
and April 1, 1906, respectively. This
is the same dividend earned by Eagle
and Phoenix mill stock last year. This
is regarded as a fair dividend, consid-
ering the enlargement of the plant
and general improvements in the way
of buildings and machinery in recent
years, costing a large amount of
money. As much money will be spent
for new machinery this year as will
be paid to the stockholders in the
shape of dividends.

Englishmen Witness Bull Fight.

New York, July 11.—A bull fight was
given in honor of the Mediterranean
fleet, under the command of Lord
Charles Beresford, says a Barcelona
dispatch to the Herald. Twenty thou-
sand people were present, including
officers of the fleet and 700 sailors,
who were cheered enthusiastically. The
national anthems of Spain and Great
Britain were played. The fleet was
illuminated in the evening. The cruiser
squadron sailed from Villagarcia at
night, the ships being illuminated with
electric lights, the flagship having a
design of the crown of Spain.

Epidemic of Sunstrokes.

New York, July 11.—Telegrams
from prefects of provinces to the Ital-
ian minister of the interior announce a
great number of fatalities during the
heat according to a Rome dispatch to
the Herald. In the province of Alex-
andria, Piedmont, there were 55 cases
of sunstroke and 15 deaths. At Pa-
lermo, in Sicily 25 sunstrokes and 5
deaths. At Messina 12 sunstrokes
and 3 deaths and at Bari 5 sunstrokes
and 2 deaths. A Berlin dispatch states
that the record-breaking heat in Ger-
many is causing a number of deaths.

COTTON CONTINUES ITS UPWARD STRIDE

Exciting Scenes Witnessed On
the Floor Of Exchanges.

WEATHER REPORTS ARE BULLISH

It Is Believed that the June Acreage
Report Had Underestimated Per-
centage of Decrease—Net Advance
of \$2.50 Per Bale.

New Orleans, July 11.—With prices
bounding upward there was an excit-
ing scene at the opening of the cotton
market the opening quotations being
beyond 11c for the active positions im-
mediately after the opening the ad-
vance ran as high as 65 points, Octo-
ber selling at 11:32. Various causes
contributed the advance, the chief
factor, however, being exceedingly bullish
weather reports. Heavy rains and
floods were reported from sections of
the cotton belt. There was also a
belief in the minds of the brokers
that if the results of the investigation
of the scandal in the bureau of sta-
tistics of the government indicated
anything, it was that the bad state of
the crop had been concealed.

In view of the Wilson report and the
rains reported in the south there was
unusual interest in the opening of the
market after the holiday and the right
side was jammed before the gong
sounded. The effect of the large ad-
vance at Liverpool in conjunction with
the influences mentioned became im-
mediate evident in the frantic effort
to buy cotton and the market went up-
ward in leaps and bounds before fur-
mer bull interests checked the move-
ment. By 10 o'clock there was a net
advance of from 53 to 67 points. Oc-
tober selling at 11:30, December 11:40
and January at 11:52. Interests which
fear a heavy reaction from an abnor-
mal advance in the market, carrying
prices below what the conditions of
the crop warrant, made large offerings
of cotton which served to arrest the
advance and caused a decline of from
15 to 17 points, October receding to
11:15, December to 11:17 and January
to 11:26.

The market did not remain long at
the decline. Bull interests brought
about a fresh reaction and prices be-
gan to ascend, creeping back toward
the figures recorded shortly after the
opening.

Early in the afternoon the advance
from Saturday's closing ranged from
49 to 52 points, October selling at 11:29
December at 11:31 and January at
11:34.

New York Market.

New York, July 11.—An advance of
more than \$2 a bale was recorded in
the cotton market here today on re-
ports of heavy rains in the west, pri-
vate advices of crop damage and the
belief that the June acreage report of
the bureau of statistics had underes-
timated the percentage of decrease. The
movement was accompanied by great
activity and excitement. All options in
the local market sold over the 11 cent
mark during the first few minutes of
trading. October after opening at 10:58
advanced to 11:21, a little more than
\$2 a bale over the closing figures of
Saturday. Other months were equal-
ly strong and excited.

At midday the market was still very
excited and feverish with shorts still
covering, and a continued demand
through wire and commission houses
to absorb the heavy profit-taking of
old longs. Prices were about 48 to
53 points net higher.

Spot cotton quiet; middling uplands
11.30; middling gulf 11.55.

Pickpockets Rob Passengers.

New York, July 11.—Pickpockets
taken possession of a Twenty-third
street car, and by locking the rear
door, robbed the passengers on the
back platform at their leisure. The
gang forced intoxication and posted
the other passengers while relieving
them of their valuables. Several on